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*Leasing and Design staff set up a trailer to assist DCBS serve Cabinet clients.*

## **Quality Central helps Fayette set up temporary offices after ice storm**

*By Anya Armes Weber, CFC  
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Quality Central staff helped Fayette County's Department for Community Based Services personnel open temporary offices last week during aftermath of the ice storm.

Last weekend's storm caused utility outages to both Fayette offices. Power to the New Circle Road office went out around noon last Monday and was restored Wednesday afternoon. The Centre Parkway location was out of service all week.

Last Tuesday morning, Bluegrass Fayette Service Region Administrator Toya Nicholson, with support from her staff, Secretary Viola Miller, Family Support Director Dianne Andrews and Deputy Commissioner Cathy Mobley, scrambled to find alternate locations to serve Cabinet clients, especially those needing emergency food-stamp benefits to replace spoiled food.

Nicholson arranged use of a conference room in downtown Lexington's National City Bank building, and staff were welcoming customers by midday.

A second location was set up in the parking lot of the DCBS offices at the New Circle Road office.

Van Davis and his Leasing and Design staff procured and set up a trailer that

was open for business from late afternoon until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Davis and crew also moved furniture from the main office into the trailer and hooked up a generator to provide heat and electricity to the temporary facility. The generator also powered minimal lighting and a copier in the main office's lobby, where overflow customers could go for service.

By Thursday, the temporary offices closed and all DCBS staff were in the fully powered New Circle Road offices. Centre Parkway staff were back in their own building Monday.

Thanks in part to the work of several Quality Central staff, Fayette personnel were available every day to help CFC clients through this weather crisis.



**Prevent Child Abuse**

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

Get involved in prevention efforts in your Community!

Visit our Web site at [www.pcaky.org](http://www.pcaky.org) or call (800) CHILDREN for more information regarding our public awareness packet and details regarding activities that are being planned for your community!

*Imagine a world without child  
abuse....Together we can make it  
happen!*

## **Sick Leave Need**



Mary Gaines Locke, a CFC attorney in Barren River, is in immediate need of donated sick leave. To donate leave time, call Cheryl Dooley at 564-7900.



## March of Dimes fund-raising efforts continue

By Anya Ames Weber, CFC  
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Thanks to all who contributed to the Cabinet's March of Dimes fund-raising goal by purchasing Val-O-Grams, plush toys and Home Interiors items this month. The committee raised \$385 from the sale of stuffed toys and \$350 from Valentine sales.

The March of Dimes State Walk for Kentucky employees is April 11, rain or shine. Mark that date on your calendars. Pledge sheets will be available soon from your office's coordinators.

Cabinet March of Dimes committee coordinator Michele Lilly would like to thank the team members who have worked hard to raise funds so far. They are as follows: Kim Barnett, Erica Caton, Bonnie Cox, Andrea Harrod, Regina Hutcherson, Donna Long, Anya Weber, Anitra Williams and Paula Yochum.

## Future fund-raisers

Please help the Cabinet meet or exceed its total from last year's campaign – \$10,003.48 – by participating in one of the following fund-raisers.

**Chili cookoff** -- The committee is turning up the heat for its second annual chili cookoff on March 18. Staff can put their recipes to the test as judges select the thickest, spiciest and best overall batches. E-mail or call Lilly if you plan to prepare a dish for the cookoff. Her phone number is 564-3140, ext. 4004

After judging, staff will be invited to the fourth-floor lobby for a lunch of chili, sandwiches and desserts. Cost will be \$3.

**T-shirt sale** – Cabinet T-shirts will soon be for sale. The short-sleeved tees will cost \$10 for sizes S,M,L and XL; \$11 for XXL; and \$12 for XXXL.

**Yard sale** – The team yard sale is planned for April 2 and 3 in the CHR

lobby. Staff are asked to donate any household items except clothing. Call Lilly if you have items to contribute.

**Book sale** – Stop by the CHR lobby March 26 and 27 to pick your spring break reading selections at the book sale.

Proceeds help improve the health of babies!

## Research Symposium 2003

By Natalie Ciresi, CFC  
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Cabinet for Families and Children staff members, university faculty and students and participants from outside agencies will gather April 8 for the Cabinet's 2003 research symposium, "Helping Kentucky's Diverse Families Work: Research to Practice Partnerships."

The daylong event at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in Frankfort will feature sessions relevant to the work of Protection and Permanency and Family Support. Posters dealing with research projects will be on display throughout the day.

Dr. Fred Wulczyn of the University of Chicago will give the keynote speech at a luncheon. Dr. Ruth Huebner, child-welfare researcher for the Cabinet for Families and Children, called Wulczyn an internationally respected expert in child-welfare research who is "frequently the person the federal government goes to when they need to know which direction to go."

A preconference institute will be held on April 7, when Dr. Jim Clark from the University of Kentucky's Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) will be presenting on using evidence-based approaches to decision making about children.

This is the second year the Cabinet has sponsored a symposium intended to promote and disseminate research that has clear relevance to the welfare of Kentucky's families and children. Each

research presentation is tied to one of the Cabinet's strategic goals to show the relevance of the research to improving Cabinet results.

Registration forms will be posted online at <http://www.trc.eku.edu/cwr/Sympos2003.htm> by March 1. The registration deadline is April 1.

Updated information on the symposium will be available in CFC Online and the Pipeline.

## Options for CFC Smokers

By Natalie Ciresi, CFC  
Communications

Smokers may feel they've been left out in the cold at times, but the state has provided warm rooms for them in the Human Resources Building. Employees for the Cabinet for Families and Children may use the smoking room on the third floor next to the escalators.

There has recently been concern about CFC employees using the Cabinet for Health Services' smoking room on the fifth floor. This has occasionally led to overcrowding. Safety regulations limit occupancy of each room to six to eight people.

Other alternatives for smokers include the snack bar ("Slick's") on the first floor and the smoking area in the cafeteria. And employees may always step outside to smoke.

## The ABCs of EAL



"The ABCs of EAL" features tips that can help us improve our relationships with coworkers and our service to the families of Kentucky.

**This week: U**

**Unresolved conflict** and the resulting negativity take a tremendous toll in energy and time expended. We have better things to do with our talents and abilities. Conflict is inevitable, but we can become stronger teams when we deal with it together.